(c) whether before war, there was an agreement of supplying wheat to Iraq;

(d) if so, the quantity of wheat Iraq has agreed to import from India; and

(e) the arrangements made to supply the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A-30 Member Indian business delegation, organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), visited Iraq in August, 2003 to revive the export contracts of Indian firms, including those of wheat and to get them prioritised for exports to Iraq under UN sponsored, "Oil for Food Programme'. According to a report on the visit, despite the difficult law and order situation, the delegation was extremely satisfied about their visit. They have been able to revive and renegotiate some of the contracts that had been signed under the Oil for Food Programme. Under the UN Resolutions 1472 and 1483, during the period 28th March, 2003 to 21st November, 2003, six Indian contracts for export of wheat for a total value of US$ 43,945,863.44 were prioritised and are currently under various stages of implementation.

(c) to (e) Several Indian companies had contracted to supply wheat to Iraq even before war under the Oil for Food Programme and as per report of FICCI, Iraq had agreed to import 6,00,000 MTs of wheat from India. The Food Corporation of India (FCI), the sole agency for supplying wheat for exports, releases the wheat consignments from time to time as per the requirements of exporters.

Trade between India and UK

1240. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade between India and UK, which now stands at around 5 billion pounds, is expected to increase substantially over next few

years and the target set by some quarters for 2007 is 10 billion pounds;

(b) if so, whether Indo-British trade volumes have recorded significant growth in recent years and the trend is expected to continue in the days ahead;

(c) whether UK government has decided to have better trade ties with India;

(d) if so, whether any agreement has been signed in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what exten the trade between the two countries has improved further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (f) India and UK have healthy trade relationship and UK continues to be one of the largest trading partner of India. Bilateral trade between the two countries during 2002-03 was US$ 5.25 billion, recording a growth of 11.16%. The growth trend is continuing in the current year also.

The 'Delhi Declaration' of January 2002 by the two Prime Ministers focussed *inter alia* on the growth of bilateral trade and economic relations between the two countries also. As a follow up to this initiative, Indian and British apex industry organisations recommended a plan of action aimed at doubling of the Indo-UK bilateral trade by the year 2007.

Enforcement of TRIPS

1241. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which Government organization has been entrusted the responsibility of enforcement of the TRIPS; and

(b) whether Government have any plans for stricter enforcement of the TRIPS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) TRIPS